

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Pending claims

Claims 1, 46, 56-58, 61, 73, 125, 126, 130, 131, 133, 135, 137, 138, 140, 169, 171, 218, 221, 225, 229, 231-134, 236, 241, and 271-275, are currently pending.

Claims Canceled

Claims 73, 125, 126, 130, 131, 135, 137, 138, 140, 218, 221, 225, 229, 231-134, 236, 241, and 271-274, are canceled in the instant amendment without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, after entry of the instant amendment, claims 1, 46, 56-58, 61, 133, 169, 171, and 275 will be pending.

Claims Withdrawn

Claims 169 and 171 remain withdrawn as they are allegedly drawn to non-elected inventions.

Claims under examination

Claims 1, 46, 56-58, 61, 133, and 275 are currently under examination.

Telephonic Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Raghu for the helpful telephonic interviews of December 14, 2009 and December 21, 2009. Per Applicant's discussions with the Examiner, submitted herewith is an amended claim set for consideration. The present amendments are fully supported by the application as filed and add no new subject matter.

It is believed that after entry of this amendment all claims pending in this application will be in condition for allowance. The issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with the instant submission. In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that a fee and/or other relief is required,

Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 50-0661** referencing Docket No. **D1530-9N**.

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